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EXAMINER:  
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FOR: PRODUCTION OF SOLID PREPARATIONS OF WATER-SOLUBLE, SPARINGLY WATER-SOLUBLE OR WATER-INSOLUBLE ACTIVE COMPOUNDS

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of September 23, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

AMENDMENTIN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 7, and amend Claims 1, 28 and 31, as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.